



Raymond's 'influence' lives on

SENTENCING HEARING

Victim impact statements read in court



**Haley
Ryan**
Metro | Halifax

A man who made everyone "feel loved and never left out," gay-rights activist Raymond Taavel was remembered in court Monday for the values of peace and unity he represented in life, nearly four years after his violent death.

Victim impact statements from Raymond's brother Andre Taavel, co-worker Barry Boyce, and partner Darren Lewis were presented in Nova Scotia Supreme Court during the sentencing hearing of Andre Noel Denny.

Denny pleaded guilty to manslaughter in November.

"He has become known for things. Tolerance, acceptance, peace, love and unity," said Crown attorney Mark Heerema in court.

Lewis's statement, read by Crown attorney James Giacomantonio, said his vision blurred and he crumbled to the floor when police told him the news in the early morning of April 17, 2012.

"I find myself here before this court with a hole in my heart still, trying to heal," Lewis wrote.

Over a decade, Lewis said he and Taavel had periods of harmonious bliss as well as estrangement, but "never gave



People gather for a candlelight vigil after Raymond Taavel's death back in April 2012. Bottom: A person posts a photo in remembrance. METRO FILE



up" on each other. They were thinking about the long term and buying a home together when Taavel went out that night.

"I was condemned to a future without him, never to know what our lives might have been."

Boyce, editor of the Shambala Sun magazine where Taavel was assistant circulation manager and IT specialist since 2001, said Raymond's death caused months of emotional and financial tur-

moil and there's still an "empty chair" whenever they gather.

Taavel will always be remembered as having a big grin and greeting everyone with a hug, Boyce said.

"He made everyone feel loved and never left out," Boyce said. "As effusive as his greetings were, they somehow avoided smothering you. He invited you in, but gave you space to be yourself."

Andre Taavel's letter from his

family, who live in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., said the outpouring of love and support from Halifax and specifically the LGBTQ community Raymond tried "so hard to unite" has brought them solace in knowing they don't grieve alone.

It's only now through Raymond's death that their family is realizing the vast contributions to various groups and causes he made, Andre said, since Raymond was "a humble man

who never spoke too much of himself."

Andre said when he hears about how Raymond changed the lives of so many people, it makes him question on a daily basis whether he's being as good a person as he can be.

"Even though my brother isn't here anymore, his influence is still bringing forth positive changes," Andre said.

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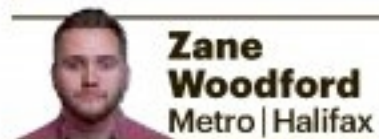
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DARTMOUTH

'I'll really miss my job': Councillor



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The voice of Dartmouth will be significantly muffled this fall.

After hinting last year that she might sit this one out, Dartmouth Centre Coun. Gloria McCluskey confirmed on Monday that she won't be running for re-election this coming October.

"I still have the energy, the passion, the commitment... I love my job," she said Monday.

But McCluskey worries that she'd fall ill during another mandate and have to step down, triggering a byelection.



Gloria McCluskey. METRO FILE

"I don't want to put taxpayers through that. I'm always very conscious of taxpayers' money," she said.

McCluskey has served the people of Dartmouth for more than two decades. She started as a councillor in the former City of Dartmouth, and then as the mayor for four years before amalgamation. Then, in 1996, she retired for the first time, "disheartened" by amalgamation.

"I stayed away for eight and a half years, and then I said, 'Dartmouth needs me,' so I came back," she said.

Now she's going to give retirement another try.

"I'm very sad about going, and I'll really miss my job. I love working for the people, and they've been very good to me, and they keep begging me not to go."

Unfortunately for the candidates looking to fill McCluskey's massive shoes, she won't be making any endorsements.

"I don't believe in that," she said. "Let the people go out, talk to the residents, and sell themselves."

REAL ESTATE

Americans asking about Cape Breton



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

A website encouraging Americans concerned about Donald Trump's rise in the Republican party to move to Cape Breton has created a surge of interest in the island's real estate.

On Feb. 15, Sydney radio host Rob Calabrese launched a website titled Cape Breton if Donald Trump Wins.

Calabrese told Metro last week he initially launched the site as a joke. He had been following the American election closely, including the debates and Trump's controversial stances on banning Muslims from the country and building a wall on the Mexican border.

Calabrese has since received national and international media attention. His website has so far garnered more than 200,000 visitors, and he has received assistance from Destination Cape Breton to deal with thousands of inquiries from Americans.

Canadian real estate listings website Point2Homes has also experienced a surge in traffic from Americans seriously considering a move to Cape Breton.

"Data collected from our website shows that despite some considering the story a joke, many Americans took it quite seriously," Point2Homes spokesperson Roxana Baiceanu said in an email to Metro.

"We're seeing almost 40,000 daily visits on average on the Cape Breton listing pages, all coming from the U.S. In addition, more than 200 emails have been sent to agents or friends."



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Rob Calabrese



A forensics officer at the scene Monday where a man was seriously beaten. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Man suffers critical injuries during fight

CRIME

Police say victim struck in the head in apartment



Philip Croucher
Metro | Halifax

There are few details about a fight inside a Halifax apartment that has left a man with life-threatening injuries.

Halifax Regional Police say they were called to the scene in the 6100 block of Lady Hammond Road around 10 p.m. Sunday.

Police say there were several people inside the apartment when a fight broke out, with the victim "struck in the head with an object," a police release stated.

Paramedics rushed the man to the QEII hospital with what were described as life-threatening injuries.

A police forensics team could be seen at the site Monday morning around Tawaak Housing



Tawaak Housing Association surrounded by police tape Monday morning. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Association at 6175 Lady Hammond Rd.

According to its website, Tawaak Housing Association offers affordable housing for aboriginal people living in the urban core.

No one answered doors at

apartments around the facility, with one person peeking outside what looked to be bedroom curtains.

Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman Const. Dianne Woodworth said she was unable to provide any further details

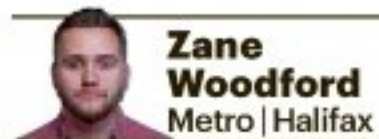
Monday afternoon when contacted for an interview.

Three people were being questioned on Monday, but Woodworth said she didn't know if all or any of them were still in custody as the investigation continued.

Jail inmate concerned over response to alleged assault

CRIME

Police have not laid charges in correctional facility incident



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

An inmate in the Burnside jail is concerned that a man who he said assaulted another inmate over the weekend hasn't been charged, and is now walking the streets.

The inmate, who asked that his name not be used for fear of repercussions, said the assault happened Saturday night in a section of the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility housing prisoners who are serving time of weekends.

He said one prisoner was being placed in a cell with another, and an argument ensued at about 8:15 p.m.

One man pulled the other off of the top bunk in the



The Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside is shown. METRO FILE

cell, cutting his face above his eye.

"He grabbed him and pulled him off the top bunk

and then he started wailin' on him," the inmate said Monday.

After guards stopped the

man, he said, the victim was taken to the Dartmouth General Hospital to have the cut above his eye stitched, and



It's been nothing but an issue, and the guards and the captains just sweep it under the rug.

Anonymous inmate

then brought back to the jail over night.

"He's gonna have a bad scar," the inmate said. "The guy is messed up pretty bad."

He said the victim "comes in, does his weekends, paces, keeps to himself, and this was his last weekend."

"Now he's leaving Burnside with a scar and a stitch in his face," he said.

He said other inmates expected the alleged perpetrator to be greeted by police when he was let out Monday morning — a practice prisoners call being "gated" — but he was surprised to see that the man walked free.

"You would think that cops would be at the gate, but the way that place is, it's hard to tell these days," he said.

"It's been nothing but an issue, and the guards and the captains just sweep it under the rug."

Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman Dianne Woodworth said Monday police did receive a call about the incident at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, and the matter is under investigation.

She said it's too early to say whether charges would be laid.

+ ALTERCATION

Nova Scotia department of justice spokeswoman Chrissy Matheson confirmed on Monday that there was an "altercation" between two offenders, and one was taken to hospital with "minor injuries," but not admitted.

"The safety of the facility was maintained the entire time," she said.



Andrew Younger, right, and Elizabeth May. TWITTER

POLITICS

Younger not ruling out Green shift

Nova Scotia's former environment minister isn't ruling out a move to the Green Party after a meeting with Elizabeth May.

Independent Dartmouth East MLA Andrew Younger tweeted a photo of himself with the federal leader of the Greens, saying he was "honoured" to have been invited to a "discussion over lunch"

with May and her daughter, provincial Green Party communications chairwoman Cate May Burton.

"Honestly it was really just about having lunch and talking about some of the issues in Nova Scotia and Canada," he said Monday. "I wasn't going to the lunch to decide whether I should become a Green MLA."

Younger said he's enjoying being an independent MLA, and that it reminds him of his days on Halifax regional council.

But he's not ruling out joining a party in the future.

"I'm not ruling anything out, but I'm also not going around hunting for a party at the moment." ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

+ EXPULSION

Andrew Younger left the Liberal caucus last year after legal issues from his personal life became public. He previously served as the minister of environment and energy.



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Voices from the court

Comments from the sentencing hearing for Andre Noel Denny, including victim impact statements from Andre Taavel, Barry Boyce and Darren Lewis.

Haley Ryan
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I feel nothing. Numbness, indifference. I basically couldn't care less about him. In fact, his act of evilness is overshadowed by the many stories of people whose lives have changed in a positive way after meeting Raymond.

Andre Taavel
on Andre Noel Denny

only by waves of numbing, desperate emptiness. Feelings I wouldn't wish on my worst enemy, feelings which have never left me.... Leaving the door of our apartment, looking back one last time, seeing it empty like we had never been there, was inexplicably painful.

Darren Lewis

The shock and grief is deep and long-lasting. It was hard to work with our minds so distracted, and many of us cried in the office and at home for a long time.

Barry Boyce

“
Taavel no doubt was not perfect. Like the rest of us he had his struggles, but for the part of his life that shone, it shone brightly.

Crown attorney
Mark Heerema

“
It was a pain like nothing I have ever felt before, interspersed

“
Raymond was just as large in his absence as he was in his presence....



Andre Noel Denny is due to be sentenced next month for the beating death of gay rights activist Raymond Taavel. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Give Denny up to 10 years: Crown

SENTENCING

Hearing delves into Raymond Taavel's last minutes alive

Raymond Taavel was in "the path of a storm" the night he died, a court heard on Monday, nearly four years after the popular activist was beaten in Halifax.

Andre Noel Denny appeared in Nova Scotia Supreme Court for a sentencing hearing after pleading guilty to manslaughter in November.

An agreed statement of facts says on the night of April 16, 2012, Denny failed to return to a Halifax-area forensic psychiatric facility after receiving a one-hour unescorted pass.

The statement says Denny was impaired by alcohol, cocaine and psychosis about seven hours later when he got into an argument with the 49-year-old outside a gay bar, punched him in the head and slammed his face into the pavement several times.

Taavel, well-known for his

+ FINAL DECISION

The judge reserved his sentencing until March 24.

local and national work on gay rights issues, was pronounced dead a few hours later and Denny arrested soon afterward.

Crown attorney James Giacomantonio is asking Judge Peter Rosinski to sentence Denny to a prison term of seven to 10 years.

Since Denny has been in custody for four years, he will receive six years credit for time served.

Crown lawyer Mark Heerema told the court that the "vicious and gratuitous" nature of Denny's actions was a sufficiently aggravating factor to justify the harsher sentence.

"Mr. Taavel was in the path of a storm that night," Heerema told the court, adding that Denny hit Taavel's head nine times during the assault.

Heerema said were it not for Denny's long battle with schizophrenia, which ren-

dered him incapable of forming the intent to kill, the charge against him would have been second-degree murder. He said there were no facts before the court to suggest Denny's mental illness led him to attack Taavel.

Defence lawyer David Mahoney argued that judges have long taken the role of mental illness in a crime into consideration at sentencing.

"It's a mitigating factor. The courts don't want to imprison people who are mentally ill," Mahoney said outside court.

Mahoney said his client should be sentenced to five to six years in prison, which equates with time served.

During the hearing, Denny held an eagle feather and listened intently when three victim impact statements were read. Dressed in a black leather jacket and jeans, he did not display any emotion until he was asked if he wanted to address the court.

"I'm very remorseful for what happened that night," he said, adding that he was sorry for causing the Taavel family pain and suffering. "I apologize deeply."

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Dal dentistry vows changes

FACEBOOK SCANDAL

'Committed' to progress on 39 recommended corrections

Recommendations from a report into the Facebook sexism scandal at the dentistry school at Dalhousie University will be implemented within the next two years, the president of the school said Monday.

Richard Florizone told the university's senate that there are a lot of "moving pieces" and administrators don't have all of the answers yet.

"We're committed to making progress on ... these within two years, but it's really an ongoing process," said Florizone.

The independent report released last June made 39 recommendations and called on the university to overhaul its culture and the way it handles complaints of sexism.

The panel's investigation was announced after 13 fourth-year male students at Dalhousie's dentistry school were sus-



Dalhousie University president Richard Florizone arrives at a meeting of the school's senate on Monday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

pended for being members of a Facebook page that contained sexually violent content about their female classmates. The school did allow the students involved to graduate last spring.

The senate was given the second of a series of updates

Monday on the progress made by the dentistry faculty in the 16 months since the scandal broke.

Faculty dean Tom Boran said the dentistry school is working to improve communications with students in order

to make them feel safer and more comfortable in coming to administrators when they have complaints.

He said the faculty was also updating its curriculum to promote more diversity and inclusion.

"We believe that inclusiveness is fundamental to education and every person at Dalhousie should be respected and feel safe," Boran told the senate.

Debora Matthews, the faculty's assistant dean of research, said the dentistry school's website has been updated to better direct students to support services and to people who can provide help.

As well, she said the deans now have regular meetings with each class of students to discuss concerns with class and clinical requirements as one way to address the issues of competitiveness identified in several reports on the scandal.

"All of this has been launched to create greater access to information and allow multiple avenues for individuals to voice concerns," said Matthews.

Senator and professor Francoise Baylis had been critical prior to the meeting, saying it wasn't clear exactly what the

presentation would address.

Baylis was more conciliatory following the meeting, saying there is a lot of goodwill by people committed to making "this place different."

However, Baylis said she is concerned that not enough is being done at this point to draw on the expertise of those at the school to address issues of misogyny and sexism.

"We haven't yet come together as a university to work on this as if it's a common problem," she said.

The report of the panel chaired by University of Ottawa professor Constance Backhouse said Dalhousie's complaint system should be changed to ensure prompt, fair and transparent handling by school officials.

The task force also suggested the establishment of an ombudsman's office similar to those found at other universities. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Every person at Dalhousie should be respected and feel safe.

Faculty dean Tom Boran

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Man finds practical way to warm the homeless

COMMUNITY

Cabbie got more than 50 jackets in nine days for needy

Dylan DesRoches
For Metro | Halifax

The cold doesn't seem to be affecting the warm heart of one Halifax man as he works to make sure the less fortunate stay warm this winter.

Adam Ghazoul works late at night as a cab driver, where he often sees homeless people without any winter clothing to keep them warm.

Recently, he decided he was going to do something about it. Ghazoul appealed to his neighbours and Facebook friends, and over nine days he rounded up more than 50 winter jackets.

"I just wanted to set an example and help our community," said Ghazoul.

On Sunday night, Ghazoul took the donated coats and hung them on the ballpark fence in the Halifax Commons across from the Emera Oval. Above the jackets hangs a sign reading "Stay Warm."

The coats are free for anyone who needs one.

Ghazoul was inspired after seeing a similar effort while he was travelling in Belgium. He hopes others follow suit and



Adam Ghazoul hung donated coats on a fence in the Halifax Commons across from the Emera Oval. DYLAN DESROCHES/FOR METRO

try to find ways to help others.

"I hope this will encourage others to try to find ways to help their community," he said. "I think everyone has something they can do to help society."

Terra Crowe is the house director of Metro Turning Point, an emergency shelter for men experiencing homelessness.

Crowe likes the idea of leaving the coats in public, allowing people to donate or take a coat anonymously.

"I think that this is an awesome idea," she said. "What a great way to support people in our community so that anyone can access the coats that may be in need of warmth, including

people who may wish to do so anonymously."

Crowe said there is also a message behind efforts like this, and that is that people in Halifax care about one another.

"We are so grateful for the support that we receive in Halifax from our community," she said.



What a great way to support people in our community.

Terra Crowe,
Metro Turning Point

IN BRIEF

Dozens charged with impaired driving

More than 50 drivers were charged with impaired driving in January.

A total of 51 drivers were charged — 44 men and seven women — aged 18 to 66, according to statistics released by Halifax police on Monday.

Thirty-one drivers were arrested after police were notified by concerned citizens, while 25 were identified during traffic stops. Another 11 drivers were identified following crashes. Several were charged with being two to three times the legal limit of alcohol, while one driver was determined to be four times over the limit. METRO

Halifax man facing child pornography charges

Police have charged a 31-year-old Halifax man with child-pornography offences.

Halifax Regional Police say they conducted a search warrant at a residence on Main Avenue in Fairview on Feb. 18 and seized computer equipment.

A man was arrested and will appear in court at a later date.

Robin Perry Windsor is charged with possession of child pornography charge and accessing child pornography. Conditions of his release include having no contact with kids under the age of 16, no access to the Internet and not to be within 50 metres of places children could be. METRO

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

East Side Mario's returns

East Side Mario's is coming back to downtown Halifax.

The restaurant chain announced Monday in a news release that it will open its second-largest location in Canada this summer at 5287 Prince St., former home of Club Soda and Bubbles' Mansion, "footsteps away from the new Nova Centre."

The release says the restaurant will create 80 jobs and the franchisee, David Boyd, who also owns the Bayers Lake location, will start hiring in March. METRO



The old East Side Mario's location in Dartmouth. METRO FILE

Doubling down on jobs

EMPLOYMENT

Funding boost for summer work program to aid students



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Local students and employers will benefit from a doubling of the federal government's Canada Summer Jobs program funding this year.

At a Monday morning press conference in Halifax, Rodger Cuzner announced the program will support the hiring of up to 70,000 students this summer, up from the 34,000 hired last year.

"We understand the challenges youths are facing," said Cuzner, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour. "It's already hard enough to find a job and pay off student loans and make their way out there in the world."

In addition to nearly doubling



Brian Posavad, left, CEO of the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth, and Halifax MP Andy Filmore, centre, listen to Rodger Cuzner at the YMCA Employment Centre on Monday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

the number of student summer jobs from last year, Cuzner announced a two-week extension of the application deadline. Employers now have until March 11 to apply.

When asked if the Canada Summer Jobs funding will also see a doubling of student sum-

"We understand the challenges youths are facing."
Rodger Cuzner

mer jobs in Nova Scotia and Halifax under the program, Cuzner said yes.

"The per-constituency allocations are being finalized as we speak," he said. "We will know those in the coming weeks but just roughly it will be able to double."

+ HOW IT WORKS

Canada Summer Jobs provides funding to not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers and small businesses with 50 or fewer employees to help create summer jobs for students.

Last year, about 200 students were hired through the Canada Summer Jobs program in Halifax and more than 1,600 benefited across the wider province.

Brian Posavad, CEO of the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth, said the Canada Summer Jobs program helped his organization hire 20 youths over the past two years.

He said the roles many of them fill have benefits that extend beyond just a summer job.

"A perfect example is a camp counsellor or a camp resource person who then affects another 100 youth," Posavad said.

"This is an exponential funding resource and so we are really, really proud that you've doubled it."

WEATHER

It's rain, rain on the way

It might be best to keep your umbrellas handy because Thursday and Friday are shaping up to be on the damp and dreary side.

Environment Canada has issued a special weather statement for the Halifax region.

A low pressure system is currently forecast to emerge from the Gulf states and pass to the east of the Maritimes on Friday.

Southerly winds ahead of the low, combined with mild temperatures, will result in rain showers on both Thursday and Friday.

More than 50 millimetres of rain is possible over many regions for the last two days of the working week — that level of deluge would represent around half of the average total rainfall for February in Halifax.

Environment Canada advises people to monitor alerts and forecasts over the next few days.

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Feds predict larger deficit

BUDGET

Shortfall likely to exceed \$20B in wake of big-ticket promises

The federal government is projecting a deficit of at least \$18.4 billion next year, a shortfall nearly five times the projections from just three months ago and well past the \$10-billion limit promised by the Liberals.

When the government unveils its maiden budget on March 22, the deficit could well exceed \$20 billion once a number of big-ticket Liberal campaign promises — including infrastructure spending — are factored in.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau staged a campaign-style town-hall event Monday to deliver the bad news and reassure Canadians who might be reconsidering their ballot-box choice last October.

"Given the economic situation in which we find ourselves today, Canadians made the right choice" by voting Liberal, Morneau said.

"I know the cries will get louder over the next few weeks, but I won't have budget 2016 simply become a knee-jerk reaction to

recent economic shifts. We'll be acting out of reason."

The federal Finance Department is also predicting a \$15.5-billion deficit in 2017-18 — more than six times its estimate last fall of \$2.4 billion.

The Liberals are banking on some of their spending vows to help revive economic growth and create jobs in Canada's struggling economy.

The calculations are based on an average projected oil price of \$40 for 2016, down from \$54 in the government's fall update, and projected growth of 1.4 per cent, down from two per cent in the fall.

Finance says the fiscal projections are about \$2 billion lower per year because recent developments have been accounted for, including the Liberals' changes to the income-tax brackets and Canada's operations in the Middle East.

Ottawa also adjusted its deficit forecast for 2015-16 — a shortfall is now projected to be \$2.3 billion rather than the previous estimate of \$3 billion.

The government says the fiscal downgrades are largely due to the combination of lower oil prices and weaker-than-expected growth in the United States and world economies.

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MIKE DUFFY TRIAL CROWN DELIVERS FINAL ARGUMENTS

The Crown argued in Ottawa on Monday that Sen. Mike Duffy played fast and loose with both the facts and taxpayer dollars for the sake of his own reputation, as the controversial senator's trial on fraud, breach-of-trust and bribery charges entered its final days.

Both the Crown and Duffy's defence team have now submitted hundreds of pages spelling out their lengthy closing arguments about the 31 charges he faces.

They are using the time on their feet in the Ottawa courtroom to hammer home some key points before Judge Charles Vaillancourt considers the 61 days of testimony he's heard since last April.

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metro EXCLUSIVE

Peace Tower sparking colourful conundrum

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The federal government has been inundated with requests from charities and causes to light up the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill — so many, in fact, that the department responsible for illuminating the historic building is at a bit of a loss for how to handle them all.

So now Canadian Heritage is scrambling to come up with an official strategy to deal with all the requests.

"In order to manage such requests and to ensure that the symbolic integrity of the Peace Tower is maintained currently and in the future, a strategy for dealing with these types of requests is required," says a memo

sent to former heritage minister Shelly Glover last September.

Metro obtained the document under the Access to Information Act.

Last year, the Peace Tower was lit up in pink lights to mark the birth of Princess Charlotte — just as it had been lit up in blue for the birth of her older brother, Prince George, in 2013. The building was basked in a green hue after former finance minister Jim Flaherty, who was of Irish heritage, died in 2014.

In those cases, the government paid the associated costs, but the tower has also been lit to support a number of causes, including breast cancer awareness, childhood cancer awareness, International Girls Day and World Autism Day.

All the options provided to the department are blacked out

+ WHITE HOUSE

In the United States, the White House has been lit to reflect numerous events and causes, including a rainbow to signify a court ruling allowing same-sex marriage and pink lights to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

in Metro's copy of the memo to Glover, and the department declined a request for an interview to discuss details about the new illumination policy, which is still in the works.

But the memo does caution that the Peace Tower "must not be used as a commercial promotional tool, as per the rules established for the use of

Parliament Hill."

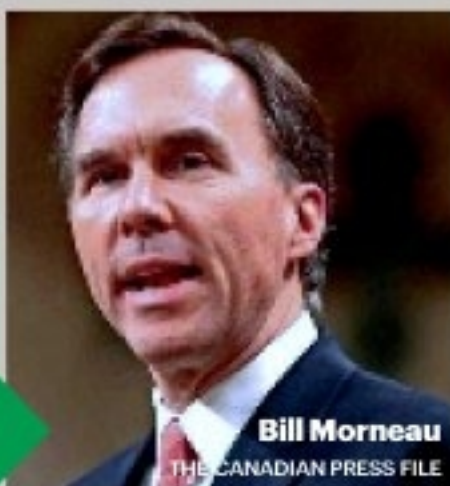
The memo says the Committee for the Use of Parliament Hill doesn't judge applications "on merit," but instead ensures all groups are given equal access to Parliament barring security concerns and calendar conflicts.

However, equal access to the lighting of the Peace Tower may be hindered by the cost: unlike many downtown buildings, coloured lighting isn't built into the tower, meaning specialized equipment needs to be rented.

In cases where a third-party makes the request, they pay all the costs — and Canadian Heritage isn't disclosing the dollar figure.

The memo does acknowledge that the presumed high cost means "the majority of inquiries do not result in formal requests."

I know the cries will get louder over the next few weeks, but I won't have budget 2016 simply become a knee-jerk reaction to recent economic shifts.



Bill Morneau
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WINNIPEG

Teen seeks apology for racial slur

An indigenous teen says being the target of a racial slur from a city community centre worker made him feel less than human, and he wants an apology.

The 14-year-old, who asked that his name not be used, says he was hanging out on the grounds of a community centre near his Winnipeg school earlier this month when the worker told him and a friend to leave.

When they lingered, he says, the worker called him a "stupid f---ing Indian."

"My heart sank," the Grade 8 student said Monday. "He made me feel like I was worthless."



He made me feel like I was worthless.

Victim of verbal attack

"It's stuck with me. At school, it's hard to concentrate because those words keep replaying in your head ... It makes you feel terrible."

His mother said police have told her they won't investigate what happened as a hate crime because it was just "name-calling." A victims services worker

suggested she was overreacting because of the legacy of residential schools, she said.

The community centre issued a statement after the encounter that said the centre takes "these types of incidents very seriously and has contacted (the mother) and offered our apology."

But the teen's mother said no one from the community centre or city has apologized to either her or her son. She said she is filing a human-rights complaint, but that is proving difficult without the name of the worker.

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IN BRIEF

Jeopardy! host keen on keeping Canadians on-air

When this year's pool of Jeopardy! contestants dries up, Canadians — beyond host Alex Trebek — will no longer be seen on the show.

Producers say that "ever-changing and complex" international laws governing the sharing of information over the Internet precluded Canadians' participation in last month's online test.

Trek said he hopes to clear up the issue, as Canadians "make great game show contestants."

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Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Bernie Sanders greets people at the Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia, S.C. Sanders and Hillary Clinton continue to battle for primary voters as South Carolina holds their Democratic primary Feb. 27. POE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

Black vote crucial to Democrat race

WHITE HOUSE RACE

Clinton has edge, but Latino voters like Sanders

The election calendar may have Democrats voting next in South Carolina, but Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are eyeing bigger prizes in March, a month that will determine whether the Vermont senator can keep pace in the White House race.

Clinton shook off some of the anxieties shadowing her campaign with a solid victory in Saturday's Nevada caucuses.

The results offered a glimpse of her strength with black voters.

They are a crucial group in South Carolina, which holds its primary this coming Saturday, and in other Southern states with contests on March 1, Super Tuesday.

Clinton's support among black voters could pay dividends because of the way Democrats award high-performing congressional districts with a greater share of delegates.

Many of the most delegate-rich states have large minority populations, including Texas, Georgia, Alabama, Illinois and Florida, giving Clinton an inside track to accumulate delegates in March.

Sanders' campaign has cited entrance polls of Nevada caucus-goers showing him doing better than Clinton among Latino voters. But the high margin of error in the polls makes it impossible to say with confidence whether either candidate held a lead among the group.

More than half the 2,383 delegates needed to win the Democratic nomination will be determined in the 28 states that hold primaries and caucuses in March. Clinton and Sanders should have enough money to stay in the race for weeks afterward, but the delegate tally at the

451

Total superdelegates Clinton has on her side, relative to Sanders' 19 superdelegates. These are party leaders who can support any candidate regardless of how their states vote.

end of the month could make the results inevitable.

For Sanders, strong showings in March are more important because of Clinton's lead with superdelegates — the party leaders who can support any candidates regardless of how their states vote.

Few observers had foreseen Sanders as a serious threat to Clinton.

But he has energized young people, working-class voters and liberals with his impassioned calls for breaking up big Wall Street banks and making tuition at public colleges and universities free.

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IN BRIEF

U.S. and Russia not helping peace in Syria, UN says

War crimes are "rampant" in Syria, and the conflict is "a multisided proxy war steered from abroad by an intricate network of alliances," UN investigators said Monday. The Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria said the U.S., Russia and regional countries ostensibly pushing for peace "continue to feed the military escalation."

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Cosby's wife speaks to charges against husband

Bill Cosby's wife Camille, 71, who has stood by him despite dozens of sexual-assault allegations against him, was deposed Monday in a defamation lawsuit filed against him by seven accusers.

She did so privately at a hotel in Springfield, Mass.

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Cuba declares war on mosquitoes for health

Cuban President Raul Castro is dispatching 9,000 soldiers to help keep the Zika virus out of Cuba, calling on the entire country to help kill the mosquitoes that carry the disease.

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MICHIGAN

Kalamazoo suspect admits to shootings

The Uber driver suspected in a series of three random shootings in Michigan admitted carrying out the seemingly random attacks that killed six people, a prosecutor said Monday.

Jason Dalton waived his right against self-incrimination before making the statement to authorities, Kalamazoo County prosecutor Jeff Getting said.

Dalton's statements were used to file charges of murder and attempted murder Monday, two days after the rampage in the Kalamazoo area.

Dalton appeared in court via video to hear the charges. He was ordered held without bond

and will get a court-appointed attorney.

If he's convicted, the murder charges carry a mandatory life sentence. Michigan does not have the death penalty.

Kalamazoo County Sheriff Richard Fuller said Uber is cooperating with law enforcement officials. Investigators are particularly interested in communication between Dalton and Uber, as well as customers he might have driven, the sheriff said.

Questions about motive and Dalton's frame of mind are "going to be the hardest to answer for anybody," Fuller said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



People gather and pray at Center Point Church following a mass shooting in Kalamazoo, Mich. TASOS KATOPODIS/GETTY IMAGES

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STARBUCKS

Loyalty program overhauled

Starbucks is changing the terms of its rewards program so that people who just get a regular cup of coffee will have to spend significantly more to earn a freebie.

The Seattle-based coffee chain says its loyalty program will award stars based on dollars spent starting in April at all its Canadian and U.S. locations.

Currently, people earn a star for each transaction, regardless of how much they spend, and get a free foodstuff or item of their choice after earning 12 stars.

People will now have to earn 125 stars for a free item, with each dollar spent being worth two stars — meaning they have to spend \$62.50 to get a free item. That means that people who now spend around \$5 or less per visit are losing out.

Starbucks Corp. says the change is the No. 1 request among loyalty program members and predicts it will lead to higher spending by customers eager to earn more stars.

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Regular coffee drinkers will need to spend significantly more for a freebie. ISTOCK

Youth drive voting surge

FEDERAL ELECTION 2015

New Canadians, young people 18-24 cause of high turnout



Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

The surge in voter turnout during the 2015 federal election was driven largely by young people and new Canadians.

Sixty-seven per cent of voters ages 18 to 24 cast a ballot in October, compared to only 55 per cent in 2011, according to data released Monday by Statistics Canada. A similar spike was observed among Canadians who've had citizenship for less than a decade — 70 per cent said they voted last year, versus 56 per cent in 2011.

The increased turnout may have more to do with the specifics of the election — which ousted the Conservatives and propelled Justin Trudeau and the Liberals to power — than a



Experts say Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's "upbeat" campaign was one reason he resonated with the electorate. **About 67 per cent of young people cast ballots in the 2015 general election, while 70 per cent of new Canadians made their voices heard.** AFP/GETTY IMAGES

renewed sense of political participation, experts say.

"I don't think it's a coincidence that turnout was up among young people when both the Liberals and the NDP were looking very strong," said Ryerson University politics professor Daniel Rubenson. "Young

people tend not to support the Conservative party."

It also helped that Trudeau ran an "upbeat" campaign and was cast as a youthful alternative to established politicians, said York University professor Dennis Pilon.

"People like to see people

like themselves in the political system," he said.

It's incumbent on politicians to ensure high turnout among youth and immigrants isn't just a blip, Pilon said.

"If we want to keep youth voting up, if we want to keep multicultural voting up, then we



We need to address the serious economic problems those groups are facing.

Dennis Pilon, on youth and multicultural voters

need to address the serious economic problems those groups are facing," he said. "A government that would take up youth employment, for example, in a serious way would recruit a solid base of supporters."

"It would make those people say 'politics matters.'"

Other strategies to increase turnout could include lowering the voting age, adopting a proportional representation system, or even making voting mandatory, Pilon said.

"The evidence from countries that use compulsory voting is that it's more inclusive," he said. "Political parties have to think of the different kinds of voters who will show up and craft policies to cater to them."

ASHLEY MADISON

U.S. site investigated for posting hacked data

Utah authorities are investigating a website for allegedly posting data from the Ashley Madison hack.

According to warrants filed in a Utah court, the State Bureau of Investigation is investigating a website and Facebook page for publishing the per-

sonal details of Ashley Madison customers from the southern Utah area.

The website and Facebook page, both titled "AM Southern Utah," were allegedly created with data stolen from the Toronto-based Ashley Madison.

No one has been charged

with a crime.

Ashley Madison, which helps people have extramarital affairs, was hacked in July, and millions of customers had their information leaked online. Toronto police are investigating the hack, and working with the FBI and other law enforce-

ment agencies. Since the hack, numerous people caught up in the hack have reported being targeted by online extortionists, and Toronto police said the attack may be related to hate crimes and two unconfirmed reports of suicide.

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Police are investigating a Utah website for allegedly posting hacked Ashley Madison data online. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



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BANKRUPTCY

Judge questions 50 Cent photos

Rapper 50 Cent has been ordered to appear in bankruptcy court in Connecticut to explain photos showing him with wads of cash.

The Wall Street Journal reports that Judge Ann Nevins told the rapper's lawyer Thursday that several photos posted on Instagram made her concerned about allegations 50 Cent wasn't being truthful about his finances. A hearing date has n't been set.

50 Cent's lawyer told the judge his client has reported all income.



Rapper 50 Cent posted a photo of himself surrounded by wads of cash on Instagram. INSTAGRAM

The social-media photos mentioned in court documents include one showing 50 Cent lying in bed with bundles of \$100 bills.

The rapper was born Curtis

Jackson III. He filed for bankruptcy last year after a New York City jury ordered him to pay \$7 million to a woman who said he posted her sex tape online. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

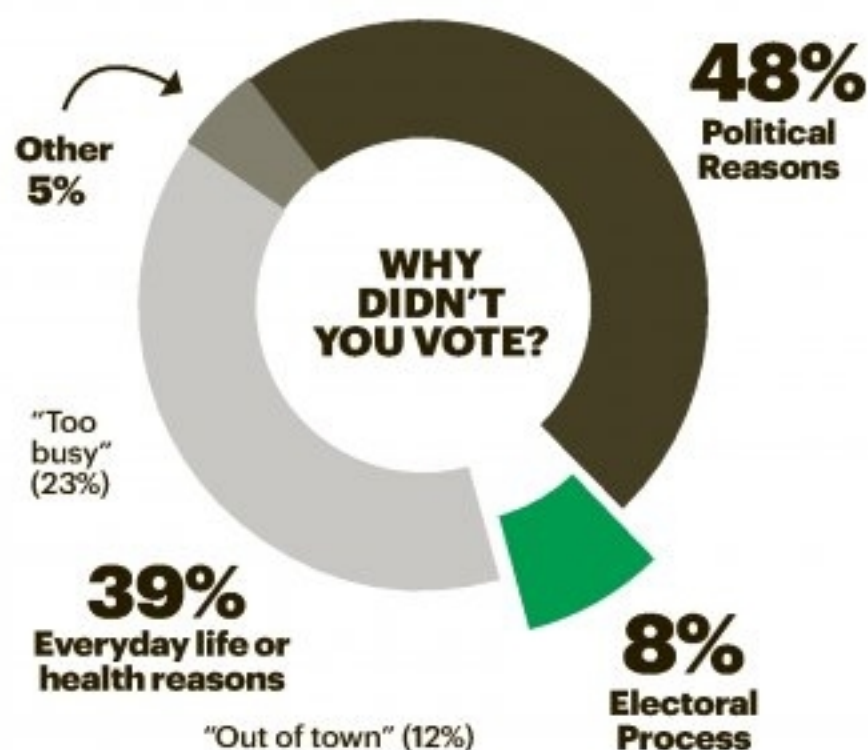
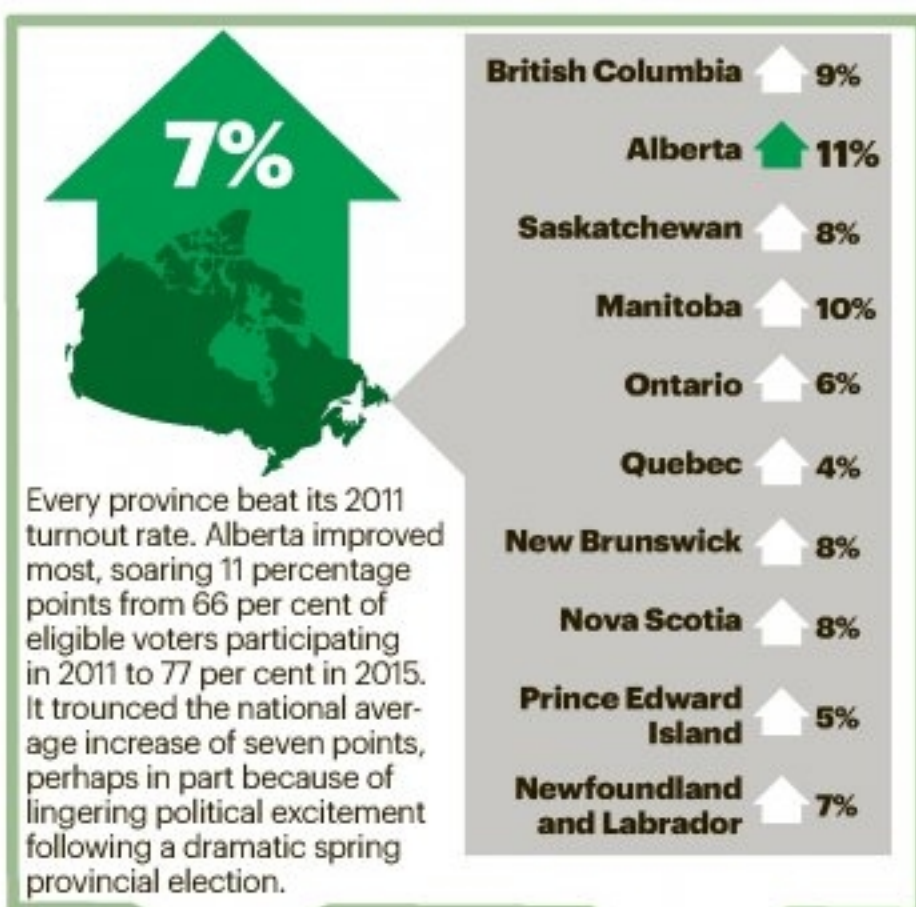


READY TO ENGAGE | 2015 Elections voter turnout

A milestone for Canada

During the fall election campaign, Metro asked if young, urban Canadians were ready to engage with the issues — and put their engagement into action by showing up to vote. You were more than ready: Self-reported voter turnout surged in every province and demographic group, according to a Statistics Canada report released Monday. Seventy-seven per cent of eligible voters said they cast a ballot, up from 70 per cent in 2011. We break down who voted, who couldn't figure out how to vote, and who had nothing but excuses, excuses.

PROVINCIAL PARTICIPATION



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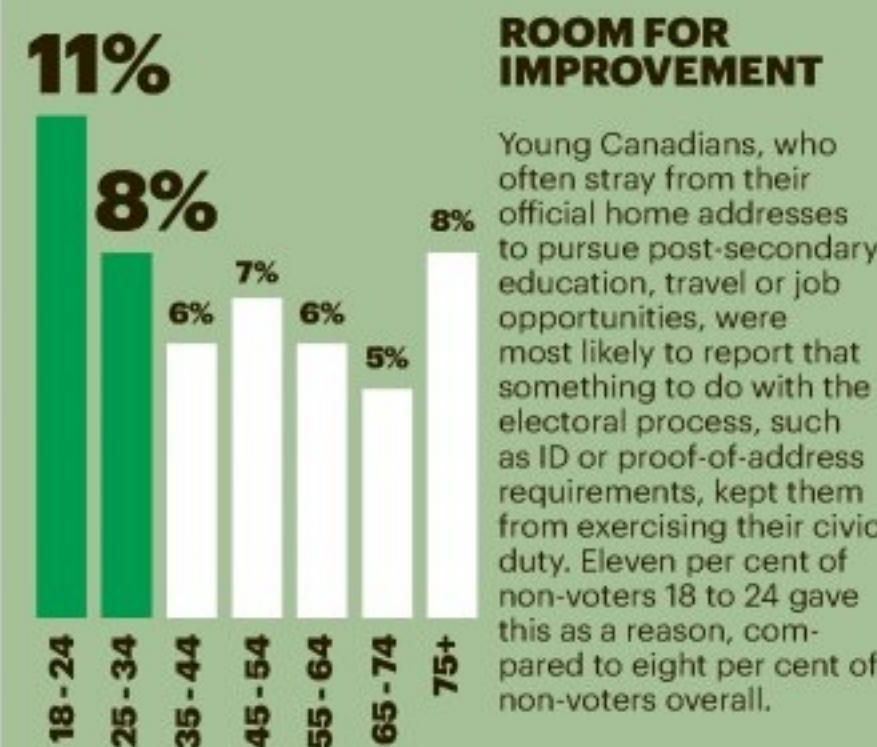
14%

Amid a campaign dominated by cultural debates over Syrian refugees and the niqab, the voter turnout rate among immigrants with citizenship who've been in Canada for less than a decade jumped 14 points: from 56 per cent in 2011 to 70 per cent in 2015. Newer arrivals who did not vote were less apt to say they didn't care about politics and more likely to either be too busy or have difficulty navigating the electoral system.

YOUTH VOTES

12% 11%

Millions of young voters turned up to polling stations across the nation for the first time this fall. However, 18 to 24 year olds still voted at lower rates than the general population — 67 per cent cast a ballot, compared to 55 per cent in the last federal election.



ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Meritocracy is a myth. Pointing that out will still get you harassed.

There is a limit to last wishes beyond the grave.

Which is too bad for Dr. Victor Priebe of Windsor, Ont., a radiologist who loved photography and public libraries, but apparently didn't care for non-white people or lesbians.

Priebe, who died Jan. 1 at 83, set up two science bursaries in his will, which is replete with blatant hatred and which an Ontario judge has struck down because it is "white supremacist, homophobic and misogynistic."

The will stipulated one bursary for "Caucasian (white), male, single, heterosexual students" who are "not afraid of hard manual work in their selection of summer employment," and another one to benefit a "hard-working, single Caucasian white girl who is not feminist or lesbian."

In her ruling, the National Post reported, the judge relied on a 1938 Supreme Court decision, which allowed the overturning of wills that are offensive to public standards (in this case, the Ontario Human Rights Code).

Priebe's will is certainly offensive, and absurdly, laughably, quaintly out of date.

Yet we still needed, upon Harper Lee's death last Friday, to celebrate her novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* as a perpetually relevant tool to grapple with persistent discrimination, a map for "how to go forward after a moment of blatant in-

justice," in the words of one New York Times commenter.

White supremacy and sexism may be legally out of date, but whiteness, maleness, power and privilege are still deeply entwined in the West. And while it's easy to laugh at an old man's will (what's with all the "hard-working" stuff?), some are not so keen to actively rebalance the inequality with which it's imbued.

Take the crowd that attacked Buzzfeed's Scaachi Koul — and forced her off Twitter — after she sent a call out for freelancers who were non-white and non-male. Koul, a rising voice on racism and sexism and a once-formidable Twitter presence, was ridiculed for her tone ("ugh, men" she tweeted). Maclean's Scott Gilmore charged her, ridiculously, with labour-rights violations. She got the predictable rape threats. She made the obvious counter-argument: "Giving ignored voices preferential treatment is not racism against white people. It is an attempt to fix all of history," she tweeted before suspending her account.

This is where we are: An imagined meritocracy blankets our lopsided press, business elite and politics, and pointing that out gets you harassed. Priebe might not be getting what he wanted, but his would-be beneficiaries continue to do just fine without him.

METRO ASKED | What does the surge in youth voter turnout mean to you?

In the lead-up to the Oct. 19 election, Metro met with young, politically active voters from cities across the country. Jerilyn Webster, 26 — who called herself the Drake to the Conservatives' Meek Mill — said she was concerned about indigenous children in care, welcoming refugees and protecting the environment.



JERILYNN WEBSTER, AKA JB FIRST LADY

Rapper, spoken-word artist
Vancouver, B.C.

It was predicted like 10 years ago that young people would change our communities, because we are half of the population. I feel like young people are the experts in knowing how to create justice, how to create safety for our communities — because we want justice for our children, missing women, our environment, refugees.

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YouTube superstar takes her sparkle to L.A.



Internet sensation and Scarborough, Ont. native Lilly Singh has moved to Los Angeles to capture the energy of the city's entertainment industry. CONTRIBUTED

II SUPERWOMAN II

Lilly Singh is off to show biz capital after her world tour

It's been an unexpected and eventful journey from the Scarborough, Ont. home where Lilly Singh first became a YouTube star to the bright lights of Los Angeles.

In between, there was a whirlwind global tour in 2015 that included 31 shows in 27 cities — most of them sold out — chronicled in the documentary *A Trip to Unicorn Island*, which premiered on YouTube Red earlier

this month.

"Everything that people love about my videos and channel online, I wanted to bring it to a stage and bring it to cities across the world. There were a lot of places that I'd never been such as Trinidad, such as Hong Kong," says Singh, a comic and motivational speaker. "The biggest highlight was meeting the fans from all over the world. You make videos online and you see analytics and comments. But there's something special about seeing people's faces in real life."

The tour didn't come without its "hiccups," including visa problems in India and a stage in Adelaide, Australia, that was barely large enough for Singh and the eight backup dancers she

brought along. In Dubai, employees of the theatre smoked prodigiously throughout the show.

"The schedule was quite ambitious, especially to begin with. India is a hard country to start with because it is on the opposite (side) of the world. So you had to adjust to not only the weather and the food and the climate (but) also the time," Singh recalled.

"So our first six shows back to back were in India and after the sixth show, I was hospitalized already from dehydration and exhaustion," she added.

The tour and the new film are just the latest triumphs in an unlikely success story that began in 2010 when Singh started posting comedy videos from her bedroom enclave.



I still love YouTube — but I would really love to get into TV and film.

YouTube star Lilly Singh

Last year, Singh was listed No. 8 on Forbes list of YouTube millionaires and more recently landed on its influential 30 Under 30 list of emerging stars.

Besides a clothing line, Singh has two YouTube channels, *ISuperwomanII*, where she continues to post her Monday and Thursday "scripted comedy" videos for an estimated 7.8 million fans, and *SuperwomanVlogs*,

where she posts a daily blog for her "super-fans."

For Singh, the next logical step was heading to Los Angeles, a move she made early in the new year.

"One of the main reasons I moved to L.A. is because there's like-minded people there, people in the same industry as me. So you have that motivation and drive because when you look around, you see everyone else doing something and so you feel guilty if you're not doing something," Singh said.

"That energy is exactly what I need to flourish in my career at this point. Almost everybody in the (entertainment) industry lives in L.A. so it's very easy to collaborate and bounce

ideas off each other."

Former WWF star Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, who has become a solid box office draw as an action star, has become a mentor. (Johnson makes a brief appearance in *Unicorn Island*).

"We have yet to work together, but he does kind of guide me through a lot of things. It would be my dream to work with him on a creative project one day," Singh said.

"I would love to get into TV and film. I've been auditioning and I love acting the few times I've done it. I'd love to get into that world not necessarily instead of YouTube — I still love YouTube — but I would really love to get into TV and film."

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Dogs, pop stars tressed to impress

THE SHOW: Grammy Awards (CTV/CBS) and Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show (USA/CNBC)
THE MOMENT: The Promenade

One by one, the most celebrated of their ilk stride the carpet and pose. Judges rate their teeth, their grooming, their gait. Some grin, some snap, some quiver. Eventually, they're herded into small groups where they compete head to head, often with others utterly unlike them. Many receive awards, but there's only

one Record of the Year. I mean, Best in Show.

The Grammy Awards and the Westminster Kennel Club show happened on the same night this year. Flipping between them, I got confused. On one channel was Common, in polka-dot lapels; on the other was CJ, a spotted German pointer. Here an announcer described a spaniel as having a "merry demeanor;" there, Adele grinned. Taylor Swift's blonde bob shone; so did the white bob on the Hairless

Chinese Crested.

The black and white Shih Tzu wore its hair in barettes; Janelle Monae, also in black and white, sported pigtailed and a bellhop cap. Beyoncé and a Borzoi dazzled in silky white. Here came a lovely red Cirneco dell'Etna, there went lovely red-head Florence Welch. And just as an announcer called Italian greyhounds "affectionate to the point of neediness," John Legend and Chrissy Teigan appeared.

The Grammys gave out 83

prizes; the WKC recognized 187 breeds. Both were exhaustive, dizzying displays of grace, discipline and hair styling. But how anyone could choose between a bulldog, a German shepherd and a Skye terrier — I mean, between Taylor Swift, Bruno Mars and The Weeknd — I'll never know.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



A Maltese competing at the WKC dog show, left, and Taylor Swift at the Grammys. AFP/GETTY IMAGES; LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS



YuMee Chung demonstrates the Levator Scapula Layover stretch. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Take the tension out of your layover

THE MOVES

This yoga stretch will help unwind neck muscles

YuMee Chung
Torstar News Service

There are few things more stressful than a super short layover. By the time you've deplaned and made a mad dash between gates (if not terminals) with a carry-on bag and personal items in tow, you'll definitely need a vacation. This yoga move can be done in the moments before you board your next flight to unwind tense neck and shoulder muscles.

Levator Scapula Layover

1. Hold your bags with your left hand and/or shoulder, allowing the arm to hang heavy and the shoulder to be pulled towards the ground.

2. Lay your head to the right, as if you mean to place your right ear on your right shoulder.

3. Use your right hand to reach over and take hold of the left side of your head. Think of this hand as encouraging a slow, organic release rather than forcing a sudden stretch.

4. Breathe into the left side of your neck for eight slow breaths.

5. Next, turn your nose down toward your right shoulder and move your right hand slightly towards the back of your head.

6. Breathe into the back of your neck for eight slow breaths.

7. Remove the right hand and use it to manually move your head into an upright position.

8. Repeat on the other side.

FLEXIBILITY
A healthy neck can lean over laterally at an angle of about 45 degrees

Get to know your fight-or-flight muscles

The levator scapulae (levator scap for short) are sometimes referred to as fight-or-flight muscles because they are notorious for firing under stressful conditions. They hunch shoulders and bring the chin forward.

Over-activity in this muscle pair can lead to neck pain and stiffness. A healthy neck can rotate about 80 degrees to both sides and can lean over laterally at an angle of about 45 degrees.

YuMee Chung is a recovering lawyer who teaches yoga in Toronto. She is on the faculty of several yoga teacher training programs and leads international yoga retreats. Learn more about her at padmani.com.

HEALTH BRIEF

Breastfed children need Vitamin D supplements

Children should continue receiving a daily dose of Vitamin D as long as they are breastfeeding, including toddlers who consume other foods and fluids, according to researchers.

While breast milk is "the near perfect food," one thing it doesn't contain enough of is Vitamin D, says pediatrician Dr. Jonathon Maguire of St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

Especially in northern countries like Canada where mothers don't get as much sunlight.

As a result, organizations such as the Canadian Paediatric Society have long recommended infants receive supplement drops of Vitamin D, which is important for building strong bones and preventing rickets and chronic diseases. The researchers from St. Mike's and the Hospital for Sick Children found the risk of Vitamin D deficiency rose by six per cent for every month babies were breastfed past age one.

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'If I can play in the NHL, why not keep going?': The Panthers say they'd love to bring Jaromir Jagr, age 44, back for another season

5 PLAYERS WHO COULD BE ON THE MOVE

As the NHL marches toward the Feb. 29, 3 p.m. ET trade deadline, the pressure will be amped up on GMs who think they can make the playoffs, or who think they are a player or two away from the Stanley Cup, to make deals. But who will be traded? Here are the most likely suspects.



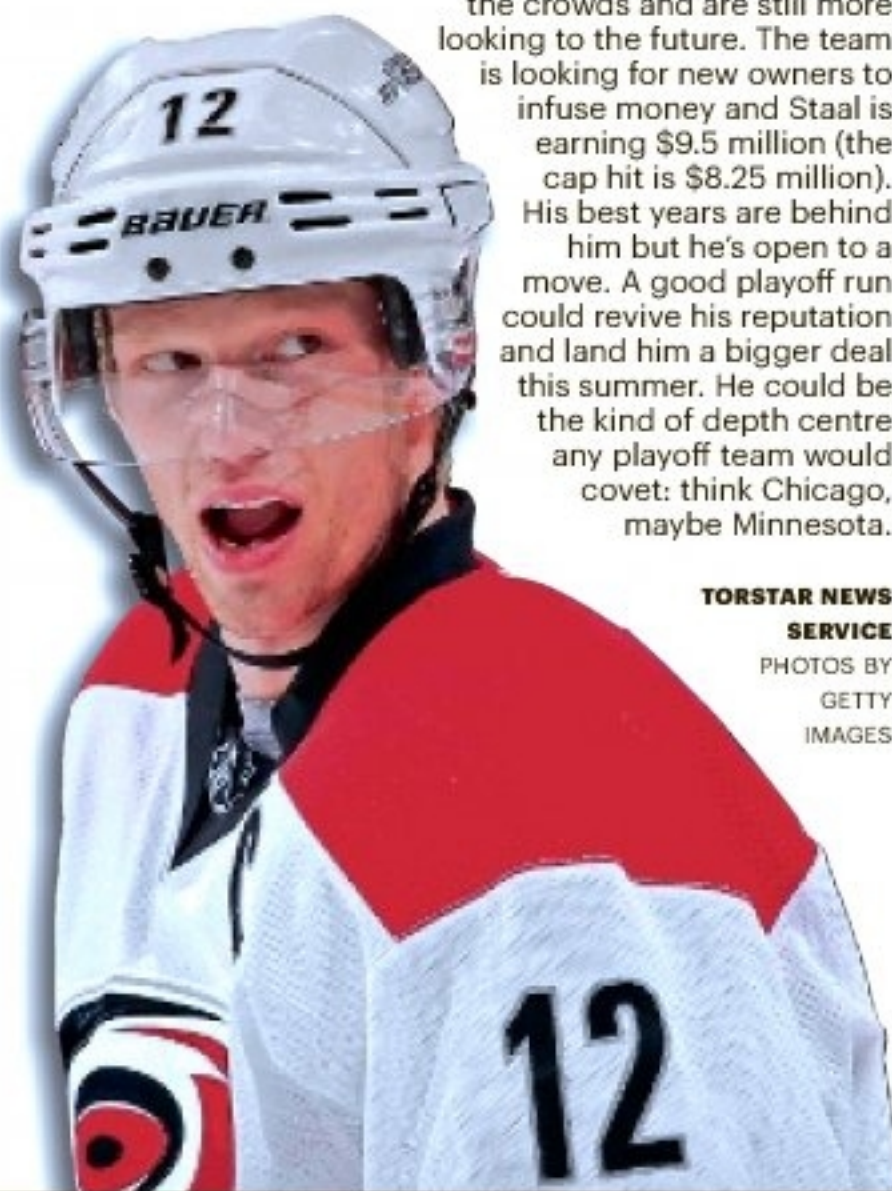
1 Jonathan Drouin, LW, Tampa Bay

The 21-year-old holdout quit the minors to force the hand of GM Steve Yzerman to make a trade. The most likely landing spot is Colorado, where centre Nathan MacKinnon would love to be reunited with his former Halifax Mooseheads winger.



2 Andrew Ladd, LW, Winnipeg

A leader and a solid two-way player, a consistent producer offensively and a reasonable salary (\$4.5 million), he'd fit into any playoff-bound team. The Corsi crowd loves him. The Jets are in the cat-bird seat here, and will get a solid return for their captain who is headed for unrestricted free agency. There could be a bidding war for him between teams such as L.A. and Florida.



3 Eric Staal, C, Carolina

GM Ron Francis has not asked Staal to waive his no-trade clause. But he wouldn't do that anyway until he had an offer he wants. Staal is in the driver's seat and it's a conundrum for Francis, a former teammate who won Carolina's only Cup with Staal. The Hurricanes are better than expected this year, maybe a year ahead of schedule, but aren't getting the crowds and are still more looking to the future. The team is looking for new owners to infuse money and Staal is earning \$9.5 million (the cap hit is \$8.25 million). His best years are behind him but he's open to a move. A good playoff run could revive his reputation and land him a bigger deal this summer. He could be the kind of depth centre any playoff team would covet: think Chicago, maybe Minnesota.

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4 Dan Hamhuis, D, Vancouver

GM Jim Benning might not be as all-in on a youth movement as Canuck fans want him to be, but Hamhuis would garner a big return. Hamhuis signed a cap-friendly deal to continue playing for the Canucks and got a no-trade clause because of it. The \$4.5-million cap hit would fit nicely into just about any team looking for a top-four defenceman.

5 Kris Russell, D, Calgary

At 28, Russell is in the prime of his career and looking for a July 1 raise from the \$2.6 million he is currently making. He would fit on any blue line, although the analytics crowd say he's overrated. The Flames want him back, but aren't afraid of testing the trade market just to see what they could get. They're a young team and could part with a veteran blue-liner for the right price. Flames are also looking to move veteran winger Jiri Hudler.



NHL

Subban reportedly hits baby with puck

A one-month-old baby girl is recovering in hospital after reportedly getting hit in the head with a puck at a Montreal Canadiens' public practice Sunday.

Valérie Meloche, the baby's mother, wrote on Facebook that P.K. Subban tossed the puck into the crowd, which accidentally knocked the infant unconscious.

The Montreal Gazette is reporting the baby suffered a concussion and is under super-



P.K. Subban
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vision at the Montreal Children's Hospital and is in stable condition. Meloche took to social media to thank the people that came to her and her daughter's aid. The baby is expected to recover after the accident.

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IN BRIEF

Leafs unload two more vets

The Toronto Maple Leafs continue to purge their roster ahead of the Feb. 29 trade deadline.

A day after sending forward Shawn Matthias to Colorado, the Leafs have dealt defenceman Roman Polak and centre Nick Spaling to the San Jose Sharks in exchange for second-round draft picks in 2017 and 2018 along with forward Raffi Torres. The Leafs also sent captain Dion Phaneuf to Ottawa earlier this month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bautista names his price

Toronto slugger Jose Bautista says he has let the Blue Jays know what it would take to keep him, and he's still waiting for an answer.

Bautista is entering the final year of his contract, and he said at spring training Monday he sees no need for a lot of back-and-forth negotiations. The 35-year-old outfielder is coming off a 40-homer season and has made \$64 million over the past five years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



SCOTTIES NOVA SCOTIA TAKES DOWN B.C. Nova Scotia skip Jill Brothers makes a shot during the sixth draw against British Columbia at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Grande Prairie, Alta., Monday. Brothers won 7-4 and went into her match against Ontario at night with a 2-2 record. For more, go to metronews.ca. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE Leek and Artichoke Frittata



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

- Salt and pepper
- 2 oz goat cheese crumbled

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. In a large, oven-proof skillet, warm up the olive oil over medium heat. Sauté the garlic and leeks until they soften, about 3 minutes. Now add the artichokes and stir.
3. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, Dijon mustard, and season with salt and pepper. Gently pour the eggs over the vegetables in the skillet. Sprinkle the goat cheese and scallions over top.
4. Carefully place the skillet in the oven and bake for 15 minutes, until the frittata is set. Serve with a green salad.

Get your Tuesday going with a dinner of green eggs (but no ham, although, we guess you could add that!). We love the slightly salty hit of the goat cheese against the smooth eggs and artichokes.

Ready in

Prep time: 5 minutes
Total time: 20 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 leek, washed thoroughly and sliced thinly
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can of artichokes, drained (14 oz)
- 3 scallions, sliced
- 8 eggs
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard

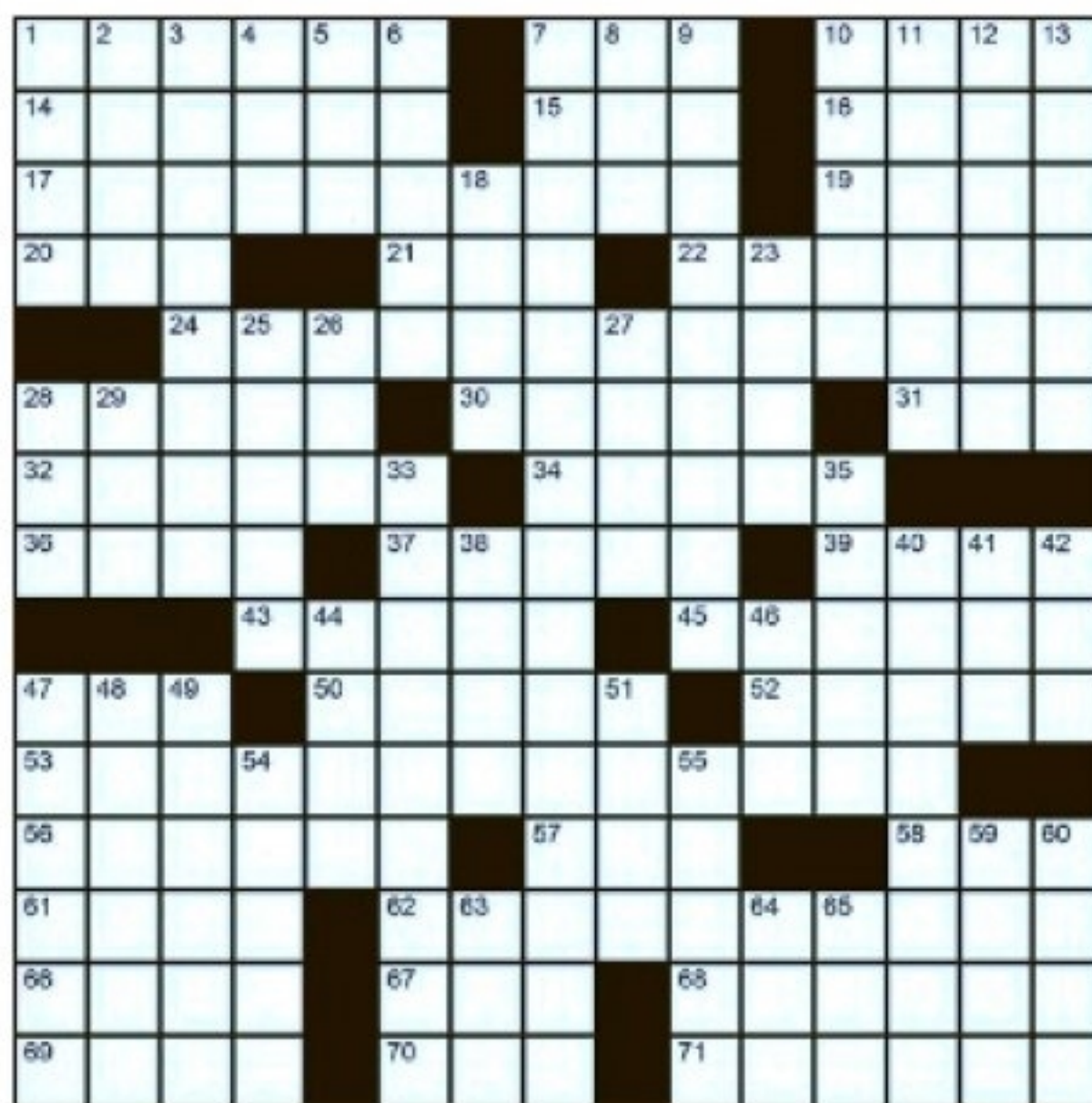
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. The _ of the Shrew
7. Pen brand
10. Everly Brothers: "Let It _"
14. Prefix to 'phonic'
15. Tokyo, formerly
16. Malefic
17. 1957 to 1966 crime drama ...more at #24-Across: 2 wds.
19. Salami shop
20. Six: Italian
21. Mother goddess of Thebes
22. W.C.'s surname
24. On the American show at #17-Across, Canadian actor Raymond Burr starred in the title role as a what?: 2 wds.
28. _ pipe
30. Ms. Hatcher's
31. Firearms org.
32. Cling causer
34. Defeats
36. Morns opposites in verse
37. Hooting hatchling
39. Mr. Baldwin
43. Emmy-winning actress Ms. Woodard
45. 1981: "The Stroke" by Billy _
47. Periods beyond regular hrs.
50. Work _ _ (Masterpiece)
52. Video game pioneer
53. Canadian Cheddar might be a selection on one: 2 wds.



56. Cherry: French
57. WWII operation, _ Jima
58. Imaginary globe line, e.g.
61. Hand-me-down
62. Mailing services locale: 2 wds.

66. Wrinkle
67. Away
68. Purple flowers
69. Ivan's terrible gig
70. Olde-style contraction
71. 19th-century Pointillist painter

DOWN

1. Cutlery components, curtly
2. To _ (Exactly)
3. Tragically Hip's "At the Hundredth _"
4. Somehow flawed [abbr.]
5. Napoleonic Wars

6. Gum: French
7. Popular books often top them: 2 wds.
8. Nuptials vow: 2 wds.
9. Clashes
10. Cover with droplets

11. Singer, _ "Champagne" King
12. More balmy
13. Defence electronics firm of Israel
18. Uncle's wife
23. "May _ a question?"
25. _ _ hole in (Corrodes)
26. Bus. day
27. Buffalo's lake
28. Cattle disease, commonly
29. Path [abbr.]
33. Morning cup filler: 2 wds.
35. Lightly fry
38. Sandwich type
40. Jim Carrey comedy: 2 wds.
41. 'Musket' suffix
42. Heartfelt protest, _ de coeur
44. Team's setback
46. Q. "Is there a _ _ the end of the 'Avenue' musical?" A. "Yes."
47. Supernatural
48. Dissertation
49. Canadian songstress Ms. Ryder
51. "I _ I taw a puddy tat!" - Tweety Bird
54. Downy duck
55. Wrenches and drills
59. Medieval silk/gold fabric
60. Quiz
63. Arles affirmative
64. "Phooey!"
65. Winter bug

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will have a hard time controlling your emotions. Be warned though: if you blow your top you may offend someone powerful. Whatever the issue, it's not the end of the world, so calm down.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
The more you tell others what to do today the more they'll do the opposite to spite you. Some people do not like to be directed. This is not the time to come on strong.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You are trying so hard to please one person that someone else feels neglected. If you want both relationships to survive you are going to have to be more even-handed.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You know from bitter experience that if you try to please everyone you end up pleasing no one, so aim to please the one person who truly matters — you. Your generosity will be taken for granted today so don't waste it.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You won't see eye-to-eye with someone over a business or financial matter. Give the situation a bit more time and it will resolve itself.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may fear the worst over a partnership matter but you are being way too pessimistic. This is just a passing phase and by the end of the week you will be the best of friends again — and maybe more than friends too!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Changes in your working routine may not be to your liking but in the long-term they will work in your favour. Progress will come whether you want it to or not, so be smart and work with the forces of change.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
No one has the right to tell you how to behave or how to manage your affairs. There is no point arguing with certain people, just get on and do what feels right to you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Jump to conclusions today and chances are they will be wrong. Wait before deciding if someone has let you down. Later you'll realize that you got the wrong end of the stick.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Get tough. Let whoever's giving you a hard time know you'll no longer stand there and take what they dish out. You're under no obligation to be nice to those who aren't nice to you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Something needs to be brought into the open. Face up to what has come between you and a friend or family member and find ways to deal with it. There may be a few tears but it will all come right in the end.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Yesterday's full moon is still having an effect, not least by stirring up old rivalries. There may be a few harsh words today but you must not hold any grudges.

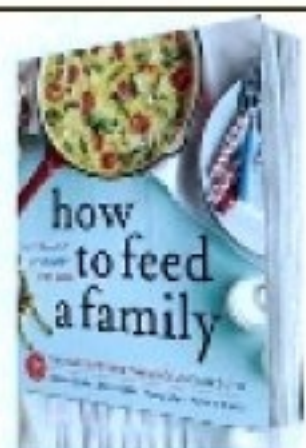
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